

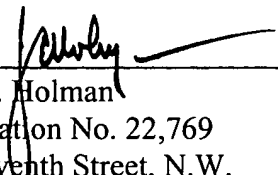
**REMARKS**

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has given restriction dividing the inventions into three groups, namely Group I, claims 1 and 5; Group II, claims 2 and 6; and Group III, claims 3, 4, 7 and 8. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims in Group II, namely claims 2 and 6 drawn to a bit stream converter with a decimation controller and bit stream decimator. This election is made without traverse.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is courteously awaited. The applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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